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New Tariff Rates for Some Food Products

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Report Highlights:

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The In-quota tariff rate is equal to Barbados' final bound tariff rate of 2004 from their WTO agreement. In the tables below, the quantities listed are calculated as 4.6 % of total domestic consumption. Importers will be able to apply for the quantities listed below. When the In-quota quantities have been exhausted, the current WTO bound rate for 2002 will apply. Please note that as of this publication date, the higher 2001 bound rates are being used. However, the 2002 bound rates will be implemented soon by the government of Barbados.

In the first table, importers may apply for any or all of the quantity listed. In the second table, importers may apply for up to 10 percent of the quantity listed.

I First come, first served for the following items:

| Tariff No. | Product | Quantity (kgs.) | In-quota Rate | Current Bound Rate (2002) |
|-------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| 0203 | Meat of Swine | 54,413 | 184% | 196% |
| 0704.002 | Cauliflower | 101 | 109% | 116% |
| 0706.002 | Beets | 11,764 | 109% | 116% |
| 0707.001 | Cucumbers | 17,574 | 109% | 116% |
| 0709.001 | Aubergines (Egg-Plant) | 4,306 | 160% | 170% |
| 0709.003 | Okras | 22,310 | 160% | 170% |
| 0709.004 | Pumpkins | 20,033 | 160% | 170% |
| 0709.005 | Sweet Corn (Corn-on-the-Cob) | 12,245 | 160% | 170% |
| 0709.006 | Sweet Peppers | 2,829 | 160% | 170% |
| 0709.008 | Hot Peppers | 3,256 | 160% | 170% |
| *Ex 0807.10 | Melons | 2,320 | 147% | 157% |
| 1602 | Other prepared or preserved meat | 597 | 184% | 196% |

^{*}Some, not all, items in this classification are affected by the new In-quota rates.

II Allocate in two trances: allowing for first come first served, but not allowing any individual

or entity to import more than 10 percent of the quota for items listed below:

| Tariff No. | Product | Quantity (kgs.) | In-quota Rate | Current Bound Rate (2002) |
|------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| 0401 | Milk and cream (not concentrated) | 523,229 | 141% | 150% |
| 0402 | Milk and cream (concentrated) | 523,229 | 141% | 150% |
| *Ex 0407 | Birds' eggs in shells | 71,151 | 135% | 143% |
| 0702 | Tomatoes | 24,242 | 160% | 212% |
| 0703.101 | Onions | 1,544,514 | 216% | 229% |
| 0704.001 | Cabbages | 37,092 | 100% | 116% |
| 0705.10 | Lettuce | 133,679 | 110% | 116% |
| 0706.001 | Carrots | 60,202 | 110% | 116% |
| 0708.001 | Pigeon Peas | 159,439 | 110% | 116% |
| 0714.20 | Sweet Potatoes | 126,475 | 160% | 170% |
| 1601 | Sausages and similar products | 115,458 | 184% | 196% |
| 2007 | Jams, Jellies, Marmalade, etc. | 102,624 | 141% | 150% |
| 2009.109 | Other Orange Juice | 207,350 | 141% | 150% |
| 2009.209 | Other Grapefruit Juice | 92,620 | 125% | 133% |
| 2202.101 | Aerated Beverages | 279,250 | 125% | 133% |

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| Tariff No. | Product | Quantity (kgs.) | In-quota Rate | Current Bound Rate (2002) |
|------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------------------|
| *Ex 0207 | Poultry Meat** | 373,425 | 184% | 196% |
| 0201 | Poultry Meat** | | | |
| 0205 | Poultry Meat** | | | |
| 0202 | Poultry Meat** | | | |

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The following items were incorrectly announced as products affected by the new "In-quota System". However, they follow Barbados' applied rate of 40 percent, which is much lower than the WTO bound rate.

| Tariff No. | Product | Applied Rate (2002) |
|------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 0703.102 | Shallots (Eschallots) | 40% |
| 0708.003 | String Beans | 40% |
| 0708.201 | String Beans | 40% |
| 0807.20 | Papayas (paw paw) | 40% |
| 1701 | Sugar | 40% |

^{**}Please note that BADMC, the government poultry importing group, also brings in about 2 million kgs duty free.